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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: CARACAS SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING ARE SECRETARY'S MARGINALIA ON THE FEBRUARY 11 DRAFT OF CARACAS SPEECH. SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT HE MAY HAVE OVER-REACTED A BIT, AND THAT NOTES ON FIRST SIX PAGES SHOULD NOT BE "TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY".

2. PAGE ONE:

A. RE THE PHRASE "I SENSED THE POWER": "LET'S REPHRASE."

B. GENERAL: "LANGUAGE IS BETTER AND IT IS A LITTLE MORE ELEVATED. IS HOWEVER CURIOUSLY HEARTLESS AND PATRONIZING."

C. GENERAL: "THIS IS MY FIRST SPEECH IN LATIN AMERICA. CAN'T WE TRY TO SET MORE THEMES? SOME CONCRETE POLICIES?"

3. PAGE TWO:

A. RE THE PHRASE ABOUT FRONTIERS NOT BEING GEOGRAPHIC: "THIS IS MY FIRST DAY IN LATIN AMERICA. THIS SHOULD BE A LATIN AMERICAN SPEECH. PEACE AND WAR THEMES ARE APPROPRIATE TO BRAZILIA."

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B. RE THE PHRASE "AS THIS CITY SYMBOLIZES": "WHY THIS CITY?"

4. PAGE THREE: RE THE SECTION SLUGGED GLOBAL IMPERATIVES: "I HAVE YET TO SAY SOMETHING OF SIGNIFICANCE ABOUT WESTERN HEMISPHERE."

5. PAGE FIVE: RE THE STAKE-IN-THE-CAUSE-OF-PEACE THEME: "THIS IS GOOD STUFF FOR BRAZILIA."

6. PAGE SIX:

A. RE THE PHRASE "IN THIS HEMISPHERE": "FINALLY WE GET TO IT."

B. GENERAL: "WE SHOULD DISCUSS SOME OF PERCEPTIONS OF 'COMMUNITY'; 'BILATERALISM'; 'REGIONALISM'."

7. PAGE TEN:

A. RE THE CHANGING-HEMISPHERIC-POLICY THEME: "CAN'T WE GIVE SOME SENSE OF DIFFERENTIATION? SURELY WASN'T ALL OUR FAULT. SURELY REGIONALISM WASN'T WHOLLY BAD. ABOVE ALL, WHAT EXACTLY (UNDERLINE EXACTLY) IS POINT I AM TRYING TO MAKE?"

B. RE THE SWING-FROM-CRUSADING-TO-DISILLUSIONMENT-AND-BACK: "THIS IS TOO MEA CULPA. SURELY THE LATINS HAVE LOOKED TO US TOO MUCH FOR SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM."

8. PAGE ELEVEN: RE SECOND PARAGRAPH: "ALL THIS IS FINE,BUT IT SOUNDS CONDESCENDING. IF WE ARE SO GREAT WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? ABOVE ALL, IS THERE ANY NEED FOR COOPERATION IF WE ARE SUCH GREAT UNILATERAL DONORS?"

9. PAGE FOURTEEN, GENERAL: "CAN'T WE GIVE THIS SECTION A LITTLE MORE BITE? WHAT IS LATIN AMERICA'S ROLE IN WORLD IN OUR VIEW?"

10. PAGE EIGHTEEN: GENERAL: "MY QUESTION IS - WHAT PRECISE POINT ARE WE TRYING TO MAKE AND HOW IS THIS GOING TO BE READ IN LATIN AMERICA?"

11. PAGE NINETEEN: RE SEEKING-CONSENT-OF-MINORITIES: "SHOULD WE GIVE THEM A LITTLE CLUE AS TO HOW? AND IF NOT THE AUDIENCE, HOW ABOUT ME?"

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12. PAGE TWENTY: RE FIRST PARAGRAPH: "CAN'T WE HAVE ONE CONCRETE IDEA IN HERE?"

13. WILL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF ANNOTATED PAGES MIDDAY THURSDAY.

14. CHEERS.
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